

## House Resolution 824

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the House Study Committee on Autism; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the health of its citizens is of primary importance to the State of Georgia; and

3 WHEREAS, access to health care services and availability and affordability of health  
4 insurance have a direct impact on the lives and well-being of the residents of this state; and

5 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study autism insurance coverage and to identify its  
6 shortcomings and gaps with regard to providing autism services to all Georgians and to study  
7 the optimum means to address these issues.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
9 there is created the House Study Committee on Autism to be composed of five members of  
10 the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives. The Speaker shall designate a chairperson from among the appointees. The  
12 committee shall meet at the call of the chairperson.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall undertake a study of issues  
14 surrounding the availability and affordability of health care insurance covering autism and  
15 access to health care services. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and  
16 at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and  
17 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this  
18 resolution. The members of the committee shall not receive the allowances authorized for  
19 legislative members of interim legislative committees from the funds appropriated to the  
20 House but shall meet for not more than five days unless additional days are authorized. In  
21 the event the committee makes a report of its findings and recommendations, with  
22 suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, such report shall be made on or before December  
23 31, 2009. The committee shall stand abolished on December 31, 2009.